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ART SHOW AT WANDONG

Sharon Delaney, owner of Three Brushes Studio has conducted her second art show at the Wandong Public Hall. The art show has grown considerably from Year 1 and Sharon believes it will grow further each year.

Elise McDonald won two awards, a encouragement award and a art achievement medal.



EXERCISE ON THE SAY G'DAY TRAIL

If you haven't walked the Say G'DAY trail between Wandong and Heathcote Junction recently you will have missed the latest additions of exercise equipment and bench seating now open to the public.

Originally it was intended to include five exercise pods along the 2 km trail which would provide users a continual exercise pattern and also to better connect Wandong and Heathcote Junction. We hope future councils will recognize this by adding more pods in the future.

A small playground will soon be incorporated with the exercise pod at the Heathcote Junction end of the trail.



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Wandong - Heathcote Junction - why would you live anywhere else. Until November 2022, Allen Hall (editor)

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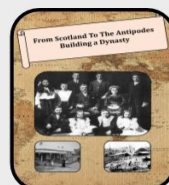
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ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS

20 Oct Mark & Chris Page C
29 Oct Peter & Rochelle Gough HJ
1 Nov Darren & Jodie McLennan W
6 Nov Philip & Lisa Kelly HJ
11 Nov Lisa & Adam Dennehy HJ
14 Nov Kathy & Mick Lawrence K

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for more information



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

We wish the following people a very happy birthday

| | | |
|--------|-------------------|--------|
| 12 Oct | Emily McCarthy | HJ |
| 12 Oct | Taylor Austin | HJ |
| 12 Oct | Brandon Austin | HJ |
| 12 Oct | Dylan Stone | HJ |
| 13 Oct | Liz Symons | HJ |
| 13 Oct | Thomas Gough | HJ |
| 13 Oct | Dylan Cole | B |
| 14 Oct | Abigail Delaney | W |
| 14 Oct | Jenny Philp | OG |
| 18 Oct | Jim Robson | W |
| 20 Oct | Glenda Watson | W |
| 20 Oct | Rob Dawson | HJ |
| 20 Oct | Bobby Hall | W |
| 23 Oct | Gerard Buggy | HJ |
| 23 Oct | Mollie Colbert | W |
| 23 Oct | Elisa Lehmann-Kay | WP |
| 24 Oct | Kara Chisholm | HJ |
| 24 Oct | Ella Stewart | W |
| 26 Oct | Carolyn Morris | W |
| 27 Oct | Joshua Lancaster | W |
| 27 Oct | Candice Lancaster | W |
| 27 Oct | Jake McLennan | W |
| 29 Oct | Tennaia Knight | W |
| 29 Oct | Katie McNamara | HJ |
| 31 Oct | Tony Allen | Q |
| 31 Oct | Bill Candy | W |
| 1 Nov | Chris Page | C |
| 1 Nov | Adrian Zimbardi | K |
| 2 Nov | Daniel Bartlett | W |
| 2 Nov | David Limbrick | B |
| 3 Nov | Jarrad Weller | HJ |
| 3 Nov | David Claxton | Wallan |
| 6 Nov | Sharon Saw | HV |
| 6 Nov | Lisa Candy | W |
| 8 Nov | Karen Dawson | HJ |
| 8 Nov | Jay Kneebone | W |
| 10 Nov | Kevin Bartlett | W |
| 11 Nov | Len Poorter | HJ |
| 11 Nov | Jenny Amoroso | HJ |
| 11 Nov | Robyn Hannemann | W |
| 12 Nov | Tamara Smith | W |
| 12 Nov | Rhonda McDermott | W |
| 13 Nov | Debra Claxton | Wallan |
| 14 Nov | Mark Sannwald | HJ |
| 15 Nov | Louise Buggy | HJ |
| 16 Nov | Adam Georgelin | HJ |



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LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

THEY CAME

Readers, this month we are interviewing Anglican Reverend Satvasheela Pandare known to us Aussies as Sheela. She was born in Pune in North India. Sheela comes to us with 16 years of experience in various ministries, after first serving as a deacon. Some being chaplaincy, teaching and the role of principal in the dioceses of Pune and Kolkata working in small and large churches and when reaching out to the community she spoke in Marathi encouraging the people around her.

She has now been a priest for twenty one years, being the first in her family and one of the first women in her area to be ordained.

Her investiture was not straightforward as women were not accepted in this role. She reminded God that He created her as a woman, knowing that there was a calling on her life to be in the priesthood. She waited for three weeks until God, working in His mysterious ways, changed the thoughts of these men who were previously unwilling to ordain her as a lady priest.

Facing many challenges in her faith walk, still not accepted by the men as women were not meant to be at the forefront of society.

God inspired her to study more in this difficult time, therefore completing her Masters and Doctorate of Theology, drawing on her faith, bringing her great joy during this difficult time, being a woman amongst men. She relied on the Joy of the Lord being her strength. Nehemiah 8 verse 10.

Supporting her is her faithful husband Prashant who is a theological lecturer whose story I will share with you another day.

With no knowledge of Australia except that kangaroos live here, with heartfelt obedience they came, arriving in Adelaide during Covid restrictions on their way to Craigieburn to encourage the church, spreading the Good News of the Gospel. Sheela is now also a school chaplain at Hume Grammar as well as reaching out to the communities of Craigieburn, Wandong and surrounding areas.

Maybe you or I may not be called to another country. Sometimes though a person or family in need may require some help around their lives. Then they too can say -They Came, They Cared enough to come. They really came!

Thank you for coming Sheela,
Merle Croskell.

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GARDEN SCENE WITH GAIL

What a difference a year makes, this time last year was drier, and we were able to get into the garden to enjoy our plants and the lovely Spring sun, without our gumboots LOL. Oh, my goodness, this year has been so wet for so long but with this came beautiful displays of Jonquils and Daffodils, some that didn't flower last year came up beautifully this year and it's been so easy pulling the weeds out and we didn't need to water our first lot of fertilisers in did we, because it rained. So even though it's been a long cold, wet Winter there has been lots of benefits. Daphne has now finished flowering so it's a great time to take cuttings. Cut from the plant just above a node and include some older wood on the stem. Make the cut angled and dip it into hormone growth powder or gel and directly into a potting media suitable for cuttings. This media may hold more moisture than a normal potting mix because the cuttings will take time to grow the new white fibrous roots but until then the cuttings need to be kept moist, not wet, to encourage the new roots. You can still take cuttings from Hydrangeas also using the same method, they are such tough plants, and the strike rate is usually 100 %. Roses are leafing nicely so keep the fertiliser up to them for optimum growth and keep an eye out for Aphids. An application of soapy water can deter these pests. Now is a good time to apply fertiliser to your lawn and if you have weeds through the grass, 'Weed and Feed' is a great product. If you are transplanting any plants, ensure that you take a generous lot of soil with them and have the hole where they are to go ready. The less time out of the ground and stressing, ensures a better success rate. As our bulbs finish and the green stems begin to die down use a liquid fertiliser that the stems can absorb quickly and take down to the bulb for storage until their next flowering season. Our veggie gardens are looking for new plantings and if you have prepared them already then, you're in front and if you're going with seeds try beetroot, carrot, dwarf beans, climbing beans, peas, lettuce and if you think our frosts have finished pop in tomatoes plants. Corn seems to have a better growth rate if you start with seeds, and it appears you get a taller plant. If you are covering your veggies and/or fruit trees keep in mind that regulations have been introduced stating the hole size in the netting has to be smaller than in previous years. Check it out. Talking about fruit trees, clear the area at the base of your fruit trees, especially Pear and Cherry trees, to deter the annoying Pear and Cherry slug. These skin-coloured slugs climb up the trunk and feed on the leaves, skeletonising them and thus



effecting the ability for the plant to absorb the sun as efficiently. As they mature you will find them easy on the leaves, they are black in colour but stopping them before they make the journey is preferable. Deciduous plants are looking beautiful, some with blossom, with new leaves pushing through, a real testament to Spring being here. What a beautiful season but keep weeds under control because before we know it the ground will dry, and those pesky weeds are going to be so hard to get out. Now is a good time to prune hedging that has finished flowering however, if your hedge is still flowering, prune directly after the flowering finishes and it's amazing to witness how the new growth takes off, if you stand still long enough you may even see it growing!

Have a really lovely month.

Gail Mains Kendrick (Your Local Real Estate Agent)



WANDONG-HEATHCOTE JUNCTION COMMUNITY GROUP

P.O. Box 242, WANDONG 3758 Tel: 0413 832 411



WEBSITE

In September the <www.wandong.vic.au> website received 887 visits. If any business or group has noticed any change which needs to be corrected to their entry, please let us know. To add your business or group email: whatsnewswhj@gmail.com.au

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our AGM was held on Monday 3rd October and the following committee elected for 2022/23.

David Moran (President), Rob Jensen (Vice President), Allen Hall (Secretary) and Shelley Kilroy (Treasurer). It would certainly be appreciated if other residents in Wandong Heathcote Junction joined the WHJCG and helped with the many projects that keep our town at the top in Mitchell Shire.

EXERCISE EQUIPMENT ON THE SAY G'DAY TRAIL

Two exercise equipment pods are now open on the Say G'Day trail. A playground at the North Mountain Road end is still to be installed. While our original intention to better connect Wandong and Heathcote Junction and to have five exercise points at intervals along the trail has not been realised, we are grateful that a start to this plan has commenced. Hopefully with the often changing decision makers in Mitchell Shire, it will employ someone new who realises the original purpose of the exercise equipment.

LIONS CLUB OF WANDONG - WALLAN INC.

President: Marilyn Moore
PO Box 225, Wandong, Vic. 3758



News for this month starts with our regular "Scribe", the Honourable Clyde Riley, and his lovely Wife Elizabeth, having a holiday and leaving me to push the pen. I will point out here, backed up by the members who know Clyde well, that when he partakes of recreation it usually results in him sustaining injuries of varying levels of intensity. However, knowing where he would be on his break, we were able to message ahead to the local Ambulance Station, Police Station, SES, and other emergency services, requesting they stay close to the phone with all life saving equipment in readiness. Should he sustain any injuries, at least help will be there in the shortest possible time. With Liz keeping a close eye on him though, he should be ok.....hopefully! Good luck Liz.

Our monthly meeting went ahead as planned, with relevant matters being discussed, and the odd bit of trivia and banter thrown in. We had a special guest in Linda Johns, past District Governor and new Zone Chairperson, who gave some enlightening insight into Lions International and their purpose.

Our raffle of a load of firewood, kindly donated by The Yard in Wallan, has been run and won. The lucky winner will be extra warm this winter, thanks to the efforts of all concerned in that project. A special thanks goes to Daniel and Peter for organising the online link that boosted ticket sales.

Negotiations are underway with ARTC for a grant, for which we have a particular project in mind. Once this is finalised, and providing Clyde returns to his "Scribe" position unscathed, an update will be provided.

The restrictions that Covid brought about over the last couple of years has seen our Club lose some momentum. However, the induction of a number of new members, and more social time together by members, seems to have revitalised enthusiasm. The fantastic result of the recent Bunnings BBQ at Craigieburn, with help provided by some of our newest members, has certainly helped on the enthusiasm front. A big thanks again to all who contributed!

With Christmas fast approaching, I have visited quite a number of business' in Wandong, Wallan, and Kilmore, seeking contributions to our Christmas hampers, to be raffled in the coming months. I have had to give time to people time to contact Managers to gain approval to donate, so I can't really say where we are with this just yet. But so far I have had only found positive responses to the requests. I begin revisiting the Business' with the aim of collecting gifts/vouchers, and will hopefully have some good news for the next update.

Not having the "Investigative Skills" of Mr Riley, I can't really report on any untoward Member behaviour over the last month. But, on behalf of our Members, I will take the opportunity to congratulate Marie for putting up with Bill all those years, as they approach their 59th Wedding Anniversary. A lovely couple who have been a part of our club for many years. Congratulations guys!

OK, that's it for me, other than to say I hope everyone is fit and well. I look forward to my "Ten out of Ten" score from Mr Riley upon reading this report.

Bye for now.
Steve Munro.

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KILMORE GOLF CLUB



The extremely wet conditions have meant that the course has closed many times during the last month -not unlike many in the area. Our Open and Ladies Tournament have been postponed until November 3rd (Ladies Tournament) and the Open 10th & 11th December. Club Championships have been postponed. All golfers have been disappointed about the turn of events and a lot of effort will be required to cut the fairways and manicure the whole course as mowers have been unable to be used. We are hoping carts will be allowed on the course soon.

KGC are now offering a **Social Golf Pass** for \$200 per year which will enable non -members to use the course 7 days a week provided the course is open and play does not interfere with competitions which are held Wednesday (9-1) and Saturday (10-2) A colour coded Social pass will be issued which should be displayed at all times. This offer commences 1st October and pro rata options are available. Further information is available from Info@kilmoregolfclub.com or our website and Facebook.

JUNIOR COACHING CLASSES RESUME FOR TERM 3

Classes run for 4 consecutive weeks. Coach is Golf professional Nathan Roberts and sessions are:

- Juniors 5-9 years old - 12pm 'til 12:45pm
- Juniors 10+ years old - 12:45pm 'til 1:30pm

All equipment can be provided at no extra cost

Any questions please call Nathan Roberts 0405 327 427.

Kilmore Function room is available for hire for birthdays, weddings, funerals. Perhaps if organisations are planning Christmas breakups then this is the time to book.

Contact the club on 5782 1123 to secure your booking or email: info@kilmoregolfclub.com.au



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President: Elaine De Gabrielle

Secretary: Mark Perrott

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The wintry weather has continued to keep people at home this past month but with the advent of daylight saving and longer, warmer, brighter days ahead, we hope people will start to socialise again and avail themselves of the many options that U3A has to offer. The Kilmore and District U3A Luncheon Club has been the exception to the rule and have welcomed six new members of late.

Photo: Members of the Luncheon Club at Hogan's Hotel, Wallan.

Twenty seven people enjoyed an excellent spread at Hogan's Hotel in Wallan on the 20th September and are eagerly awaiting the next two venues; The Prince of Wales Hotel in Seymour and the Royal Oak in Kilmore, which has reopened their bistro and are putting on a seniors menu for the event. For more details, check out the website

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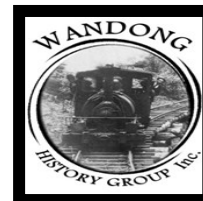
The Kilmore History Group meets on the first Monday of the month at the U3A centre at 92 Sydney St, Kilmore. The session generally begins with a power point presentation, the upcoming topic being "Did Ned Kelly come to Kilmore?" and they will be taking a look at the Kelly and Quinn houses at Beveridge and Wallan East respectively. They are also working on a visit to Whitburgh Cottage at Piper St, Kilmore, which is currently undergoing restoration. Local coach builder William Smeaton had the cottage built in the mid 1800's and it was owned by the family for over 100 years. It is the oldest surviving bluestone house in Kilmore and thus historically significant. Being the oldest inland town in Victoria, Kilmore is steeped in history so why not come along and discover some fascinating facts and learn about the events that shaped the district and made us who we are today?

It is never too late to learn and Kilmore and District U3A have something for everyone. To make it more affordable for new members, anyone joining in the latter part of the year will get a 50% discount on the joining fees, a bargain at only \$22.50 for singles and \$40.00 for couples. There are currently twenty diverse classes on offer, including yoga, walking, darts, arts and crafts, making music, solving puzzles, book club, memoir writing and many more, all run by talented and experienced convenors. The cost for most classes is only \$2.00 and usually involves a cup of tea or coffee. The details are on the website, so come on, what are you waiting for?

Cheers Amanda Oades



WANDONG HISTORY GROUP



The Robertson family reunion will take place on the 29th October. This event will be at the Wandong public hall and members of the public are invited to attend. RSVP 20th October. Many family members have indicated they are coming along, we will have a large family tree on display and a display of images relating to Robert Affleck Robertsons Wandong activities. This will be a great opportunity for locals to meet the family of the man who settled the town and had such a huge influence on the township that we now all enjoy.

If you would like to be part of this dedicated team looking after our history and heritage contact us as we love having new members and there is a job for everyone no matter what your skill level.

We are looking for suggestions as to how Wandong should celebrate the anniversary of the Hume and Hovell expedition and we would like ideas to come from the community for this great event.

We conducted our Annual General Meeting on Monday 3rd October and the following members were elected:

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|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Karen Christensen | President and Secretary |
| David Moran | Vice President |
| Sandra Moran | Treasurer |

Stay safe everyone
Karen

Wandonghistorygroup4@gmail.com

PH 0432120736



WANDONG PUBLIC HALL

We are nearing the busy time of the year when peoples thoughts turn to Christmas and the activities around that major part of the year. Bookings for the hall increase during this time of year so get in early if you are thinking of using the hall for your festivities.

Our Annual General Meeting was held on Monday 3rd October. Christine Gordon was elected President, Allen Hall Vice President and David Moran Treasurer. The position of Secretary was not filled and the Committee of Management would love to hear from other residents to help with the running of the hall.

Our regular user groups are always keen to have more people come along they are listed below:

Dance classes for pre-schoolers Tuesday and Thursday mornings during term time.

Contact Claire Bennett 0420418425

The Craft group attend every Monday, it's an informal group, bring along some lunch, and something to do if you feel like it.. There is always someone on hand to help with crafty questions in the group and this has been our longest running group.

The Lightwood Flats book club meet monthly - contact is Annie Beaman Ph: 5787 1698

Wandong Country Knitters also meet monthly, contact is Coralee Souter. Ph: 0479 163 548

Wandong Heathcote Junction Community Group hold a monthly meeting Ph: 0413 832 411

Wandong History Group Monthly meeting – Di Vidal Ph 57871314

The hall is available for hire phone Christine for bookings on 0448604770. Christine has an answering service so please leave a message if she cannot answer the phone, she will respond to all enquiries promptly.

Stay safe.
Karen

MAKE A DIFFERENCE - BECOME A VOLUNTEER

If you are young, elderly, retired or working, please consider joining a community group and enjoy the rewards of volunteering. Join one of the community groups operating in Wandong Heathcote Junction.

Wandong Heathcote Junction Community Group Inc: Call 0413 832 411

Wandong Wallan Lions Club: Call 0418 142 172

Wandong History Group: Call 0432 120 736

Wandong Primary School



The time has come to check the laundry baskets for uniforms, check that they still fit, fish out the lunchbox and drink bottles at the bottom of school bags...and don't forget your hat. The commencement of Term Four (the last term) is upon us.

Key Reminders & Dates

Monday 3rd Oct: Curriculum Day (Pupil Free)

Wednesday 5th Oct: World Teachers Day

20th & 21st Oct: Art & Drama Show Case

Tuesday 1st Nov: Melbourne Cup Public Holiday (Pupil Free)

Wednesday 23rd Nov: Whole Staff Professional Practice Day (Pupil Free)

Thursday 8th Dec: Christmas Box Car Night

Tuesday 13th Dec: Whole School Transition Day

Friday 16th Dec: Whole School Pool Party

Tuesday 20th Dec: Last Day of Term Four

Inquiry Learning in Term Four

Foundation students will explore and investigate design and technology. Within this unit, students will first discover technologies throughout history, their uses, and advances made up to the present time. Students will engage in the engineering design process of brainstorming, designing, building, testing and improving their projects, before concluding the inquiry unit with a race day to celebrate their ideas and projects. Students will use a variety of different recyclable materials to construct their models, which links to our whole school Sustainability focus for next term.

Grade One/Two students will be investigating the significant role pollinators play in our environment and how they contribute towards the survival of our ecosystems. We will investigate how pollinators help to grow food and plant-based products for society, the problems that occur with declining pollinator numbers and how we can help to improve the wellbeing of our pollinators.

Our Grade Three/Four students will explore and learn to utilise their creative, innovative and imaginative ideas and approaches to design and construct a "Killer Kite". They will do this by following the design process, by planning and building their awareness of the characteristics and properties of materials, as well as tools and equipment needed to construct a kite. Students will learn to regularly reflect on their actions and results and use this information to refine and improve their work. During this unit, students will explore and build on their understanding of what goes into designing and creating things we use day-to-day, and using the following focus questions in order to do so: What is the design process? How do materials affect the behaviour of designs? How do we communicate ideas using Mathematics?

Similarly, the Grade Five/Six students will be exploring our driving question: 'How does design impact performance?' They will follow the design principles and explore examples of great inventions from the past, as the foundation to consider how mathematics drives innovation and progress in our contemporary world. Students will describe how design and technologies contribute to meeting present and future needs. By negotiating and developing ideas, they will research, plan, test and modify their designs to seek new opportunities for improving their future.

Kaitlyn Hall

WANDONG TENNIS CLUB

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Information is posted on our
Facebook page.

www.facebook.com/wandongtennis



The Tuesday and Thursday night tennis season is well underway but we have had many washouts this season so far. Let's hope the weather improves.

Saturday juniors and seniors summer season is starting soon.

Seniors 8th October and juniors 15 October.

Many thanks to all those members who turned up for our working bee on Sunday 2/10.

We had so many volunteers that we were able to get all the jobs done on our list. Thank you.

Wandong Fire Brigade



CFA Fun Day

Join us on Saturday 22nd October between 9am and 1pm at the Wandong Plaza to celebrate CFA Fun Day! Have a FREE sausage sizzle on us. Get advice to prepare your property and develop your family fire plan for the upcoming fire season. We will be joined by other emergency services including SES, VicPol and Ambulance Victoria personnel. Activities for everyone including a jumping castle, have a turn at squirting a fire hose and check out some of the emergency service vehicles and equipment. Santa is Coming to Town

It's almost that time of year again when you can book Santa to visit your house on the back of our fire truck. If you're looking to make your Christmas party a little different, or just want Santa to visit your kids or grandkids, then booking a Santa visit with us is the perfect thing to do. Cost is \$5 per child. Follow our Facebook page 'Wandong Fire Brigade' for all Santa updates.

Get in quickly, as bookings fill up fast. For bookings, contact Heath McSolvon on either 0419 359 374 or wandongsanta@gmail.com

Junior recruitment

Our juniors are looking forward to an upcoming session with the wildlife education presenter. Juniors sessions are run during the term on Monday nights 6.30 – 8pm. There is no cost to families. Young people between the ages of 11 and 16 years who live in Wandong, Heathcote Junction, Clonbinane and Kilmore are invited to join our Juniors program. For any queries contact Terry Roberts on 0413 644 319.

Pre Season Preparation of Your Property

With the weather starting to warm up it is time to think about preparing your property before the fire season. Remove fire hazards from around your house and clean out the gutters. The CFA website has some great resources on preparing your property. <https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/how-to-prepare-your-property>

Every burnoff should be logged by calling VicFire on 1800 668 511.

Mitchell Shire Council is running a Community Clean Up Challenge with some great prizes. Submit before and after pics of the preparation at your place. Registering for the challenge entitles you to use the CleanUp Challenge resources including free green waste disposal. <https://www.mitchellshire.vic.gov.au/community-clean-up-challenge>.

Training

Training for our firefighters is on Wednesday nights at the fire station. For more information contact Lt James Stephens on 0418 221 458.



STEPH RYAN RETIRES FROM STATE PARLIAMENT

“Whats News”, the Wandong Heathcote Junction Community Group and Wandong History Group thanks Steph Ryan, Member for Euroa, for all her support during her time in State Parliament.

Steph will not contest the seat of Euroa in the November State election to devote more time to her family and even though we will miss her support we sincerely wish her all the best in the future.

THANK YOU STEPH



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Saturday 22nd October 2022

10am—2pm



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Jumping Castle



Explore the fire trucks



Squirt a hose



Get advice on making
your family fire plan



It's almost that time of year again when you can book Santa to visit your house on the back of our fire truck!

Wandong Fire Brigade transports Santa to visits in the Wandong / Heathcote Junction area.

Get in quickly, as bookings fill up fast. Cost is \$5 per child. For bookings, contact Heath on wandongsanta@gmail.com or 0419 359 374.

Information needed for Bookings:

- * Number of Kids (and ages)
- * Address for visit
- * Preferred dates and times
- * Contact phone number

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Jackie is proud of the very dedicated and committed team at Wallan and is excited about the future.

Jackie can help you with personal loans, credit cards and all your day-to-day banking needs. Drop in and See Jackie at the Wallan Community Bank branch or call her on 5783 2422.

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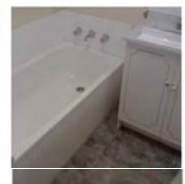
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WANDONG JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

Our presentation day and AGM was held 2nd October 2022.



Bendigo Bank Community Grant

We were lucky enough to receive a grant for \$5000 to cover the cost of a line marker, pie warmer and tackle bags. Thanks to Leanne Paice from Bendigo Bank Wallan/Kilmore/Broadford for providing this grant.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM was well attended, and some new committee members have stepped up to get on the committee, including Tilly Thomas, Anthony Calleja, Sharna Faralla, Dani George and Kirsty McKie.

Elected Positions: President – Stuart Fraser, Vice President – Ben Helpenstein, Secretary – Martin Leahy, Treasurer – Tilly Thomas, General committee – Anthony Calleja, Sharna Faralla, Dani George, Kirsty McKie,

PRESENTATION

What a great day for our 2022 Presentation Day, we hope you all enjoyed the day!

A big thankyou and well done to all our players and congratulations to our award winners, you all wear your Warrior jumper with pride!

Under 9's

Best & Fairest - Mack Thomas

B&F Runner Up - Mason Sawyer

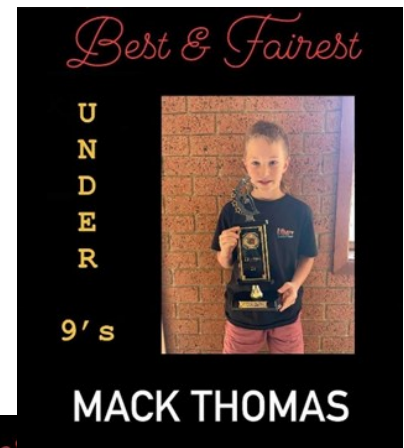
Most Consistent - Mason Sanderson

Most Determined - Declan Butterworth

Most Improved - Declan Wall

Encouragement Award - Hudson Napolitano

Coaches Award - Logan O'Connell



Under 11's

Best & Fairest - Case Thomas

B&F Runner Up - Tyler Horton

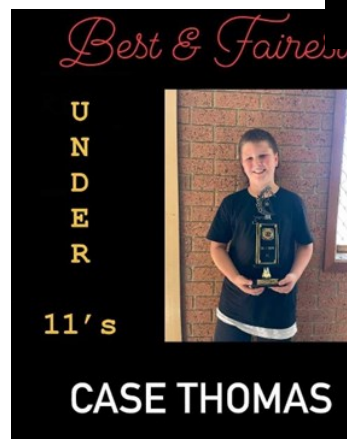
Most Consistent - Rhys Lemmar

Most Determined - Kade Faralla

Most Improved - Dylan Cairns-Foster

Encouragement Award - Riley Marks

Coaches Award - Ollie George



Under 13's

Best & Fairest - Jackson Fraser

B&F Runner Up - Riley Bichard

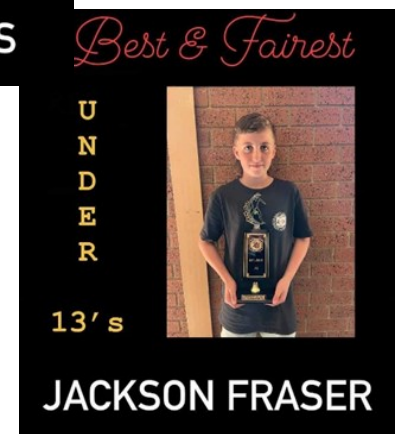
Most Consistent - Gus Bonwick

Most Determined - Levi Tolevski

Most Improved - Eamon Leahy

Encouragement Award - Jye Strongman

Coaches Award - Levi Helpenstein



WANDONG JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

New Life Members

Liz Cook
Tkora McIlvain
Kevin Cook
Stuart Fraser

GO WARRIORS



Best Club Person Award- Shelley & Steve Kilroy

RAFFLE

Our raffle winders were Faralla's, Nappa, Weg, Beth Snepvangers, Lemmar's and Lois Brennan

Archery Attack

The kids and some adults enjoyed a fun arvo with some archery after the presentations and BBQ.



We look forward to seeing you all next season!

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Results from our 2022 student Art Show.

Thanks to the following people for all the help, judges, Cheryl from the Kilmore art society, Helen Tally artist, Robyn Beer art teacher, My family and the fabulous staff at Three brushes Studio, the set up and pack up team, (you know who you are) and the public who came along to see our little show.

Also thank you to Wandong /Heathcote junction community group for the BBQ, Officeworks for surprising us with support, Kilmore Art society for the budding artists awards and parents and grandparents who came and enjoyed the show.

We had over 245 visitors, to see 146 art works, from our 120 students.

The list of winners are:

Teachers all rounder award
Most persistent award
Most improved award
Art Achievement medals(surprise medal)

People's Choice
6 and under Brightest
6 and under most fun
Kilmore art society Budding artist under 6
7-8 most colourful
7-8 best cartoon
7-8 best animal
7-8 most creative
Kilmore art society Budding artist 7-8
9-10 most like character or figure
9-10 best wildlife/animal
9-10 best landscape/scene
9-10 most imaginative
Kilmore art society Budding artist 9-10
11 year plus most detailed
11 plus best botanical/fauna/scene
11 plus best technique/skills shown
11 plus most original
Kilmore Art Society Budding artist 9-10
Adult best recreation
Adult most innovative
All abilities best creativity
All Abilities most unique
Encouragement awards:

Izabel Plonsker
Jasmine Sherwood
Emily Micallef
Olivia Gibb, Kyla stone, Alisha White, Elise McDonald, Alexis Hart, Holly Roberts, Stella Trotter, Lucy Allan, Logan Williams and Rubi Nativio
Sophie Pike
Lachlan Peterson and Sylvie Leahy
Shean Tee
Kayley Marley
Holly Sherwood
Leeya Tee
Sienna Jackson
Adeliece Elliott
Emilie Sazegar
Amy Bergamin
Emily Micallef
Bella Keenan
Izabel Plonsker
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Thank you all for being the most amazing students, I've loved being part of your adventurous journey
In creating art, thank you to all the parents who bring you ever week



LEFT: The winner of the Kilmore art society buddy artist award. They donated prizes to 4 kids



LEFT: Elise McDonald won 2 awards, an encouragement award and art achievement medal...



ABOVE: This is Izabel Plonsker she won the teachers all rounder trophies, and a first place for most creative in her age group.

This winner was chosen by the people who visited the show on the day... Very proud. Sophie Pike

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Want to skip the challenge?

You can still sign up to use resources provided, including free green waste disposal.

Need a hand to clean up around your property?

Apply for a volunteer.

Able to lend a hand?

Register to let us know when you're available.

Scan the QR code to register today or visit our website:

www.mitchellshire.vic.gov.au/community-clean-up-challenge



Challenge closes at 10am Sunday 20 November 2022.

For more information contact Vicky Gommers, Safer Together Project Officer:

t: (03) 5734 6200

e: emergencymanagement@mitchellshire.vic.gov.au

w: www.mitchellshire.vic.gov.au





WHATS NEWS @ WANDONG NETBALL CLUB

CELEBRATIONS AND AGM

This year our Annual General Meeting was held on Friday the 7th of October, at the Wandong Community Hall. New Committee Members and Registration Enquiries welcome prior to the date via email. wandongnetball@gmail.com

Player presentations including photos, commenced at 5:30pm followed by a 6:30pm AGM. The evening concluded with a social event for current players.

SEASON 2022

The 2022 Season has come to a close. We have been in awe of the calibre of play we have seen this year across the board.

Our **Under 9s** have had so much fun learning the ropes, making new friends and playing each and every week improving on their skills.

Under 11 White started the year with only 3 out of 8 players having played before. After a slow start they climbed the ladder narrowly missing out on finals.

One of the team members, Natalie, was even awarded with Best and Fairest Runners up for the entire league!

Congratulations Natalie – What an incredible achievement.

Natalie has played with such strength and integrity all year round. She is a huge asset to her team and to the club.

Her on court performance is always outstanding. Natalie has the ability to play any position with grace and a smile on her face. The team has been so lucky to have her this year and are so proud to see her recognised by the league.

Very well deserved.

Under 11 Green had a stellar year, topping the ladder all season. The teams instinctive ability to move the ball from one end of the court to the other was a real sight to see. They made it to the Preliminary final going down to St Pats Green who ended up taking out the big award.



Left to Right: Miley, Amy, Anna, Abbey, Milah, Kath (Coach) Isabelle, Lucas and Thasini.



Under 13 White took some time to find their feet as the younger aged team this year. They never gave up and played with a smile the whole way through. We cant wait to see them kick it up a notch in 2023.

Under 13 Green were leaps and bounds ahead of their competition right from the get go, the huge score margins speaking for themselves. The girls well deservedly made it to the Grand Final only just missing out to St Pats Blue on the day in a challenging game. 2 players in the team, Katelin and Bridget, have achieved an incredible milestone scoring over 150 goals each throughout the season! Something we have not seen at this level before.

Left to right:

Chelsea,
Katelin,
Chloe M,
Jaide,
Chloe H,
Chloe
Maz,
Amelia
and
Bridget



The **Under 16** team worked hard all year finishing the season off with some wins under their belt. It was great to see some of our previous players return to the club to finish off their Junior playing career with friends and family. We would like to wish our players aging out the very best for their future, both personally and within the Netball community. We hope to see you around the courts for many years to come.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our **Umpires** who work hard every week overseeing all our matches, without them the games do not run so a big Thank you to our regular Umpires **Bridget, Katelin, Justine, Grace, Tiffany, Mia and Louis**. And to those who filled in even for 1 game – Thank you.

To all the **parents** who volunteered to time keep, score, set up, pack up, man the BBQ etc, Thank you all for your selfless and incredible support.

Lastly but certainly not least we would like to offer our heartfelt thanks to our **Coaches and Team Managers**.

These amazing people volunteer their time week in week out to help build strong relationships with players, parents, and the community. Their integrity, determination, dedication, and stamina have not gone unnoticed. The coaching team are the first to arrive and last to leave. They spend hours during the week organising team rotations, playing drills etc making it appear so effortless to the families

Their ability to teach and build on players skill sets has been admirable.

Thank you to **Jo & Chloe** - Under 9s, **Jo & Kate** - U11 White, **Kathryn & Emma** – U11 Green, **Natalie & Jodie** – U13 White, **Cassandra & Chris** – U13 Green and **Kate & Christine** – U16s.

A special thanks to our hard-working **2022 Committee** that make the magic happen. This is the first full season in 3 years and the committee has worked tirelessly to create a fun, safe and motivated Club. Thanks to **Vasko, Emma, Jo, Kath, Cassandra, Emma, Bec and Kara**.

NetSetGo

This year's NetSetGo program is set to run over an 11-week period. Interested parties can register online via: <https://netball-registration.worldsportaction.com/appRegistrationForm>

NetSetGO is Australia's official starter program for kids aged 5 to 10. It's a chance to learn the netball basics, get outside and make some friends. For a lot of kids, this is the first time they'll pick up a netball or chuck on a bib. It's a learning experience. And a lot of fun.

Dates: Wednesday 5th Oct to Wednesday 14th Dec 2022

Time: 4:30 – 5:30pm

Location: Wandong Memorial Stadium (L.B Davern Reserve)

For more information, please email wandongnetball@gmail.com

The Wandong Netball Club is a child safe club. For more info please visit

<https://www.playbytherules.net.au/online-courses>





Hi from the WHJSC Committee,

As the weather starts warming up, at long last more and more of the community are coming down to the reserve to utilize this great facility we have in our community. What is our community up to down at the Reserve:

- Walking the dogs
- kids in the playground
- individuals/groups doing their fitness workouts
- mums with the kids in the pram
- riding bikes
- playing kick to kick football
- passing shots in netball
- shooting hoops at the basketball ring
- riding the horses
- training dogs to behave
- Wandong primary doing their sporting activities on the Oval
- Wallan basketball in the Stadium
- Having a hit of tennis
- Doing a round of activities at the newly installed exercise pod

The summer user groups are in planning mode and ready to commence their prospective season, they may have already started..

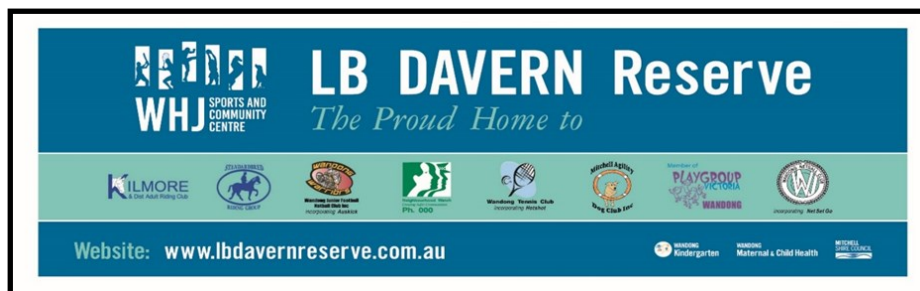
- Mitchell Agility Dog Club.
- Junior Tennis /Saturday Afternoon Tennis
- Night Tennis
- Standardbred Riding Club
- Kilmore and District Adult Rider's Club
- Cricket
- School Sports

Continued developments at the Reserve will complement our sport groups and community. We are very lucky to have a Reserve that has character and bush ambiance atmosphere that complements our communities.


L.B.Davern Reserve Pod Update:

Works have been completed on the L.B.Davern Pod, This pod is now open to the public. This Pod will be a stage 1 for the Reserve, future funding will be a part of other Pods at the Reserve in the near future. **Come down and try the Pod out.**





If anybody in our community would like to share any photos of History of L.B Davern Reserve for us to share on what's News please send to kooraw@bigpond.com



L.B.Davern Reserve Committee of Management
A.G.M
Thursday, October 20th at 7.00pm,
Followed by General Meeting at 7.30pm
Community Centre
L.B.Davern Reserve Dry Creek Crescent, Wandong



Our Community building is also a great asset to hold kids parties, family type events and private functions of all sorts. Please consider when planning a function.

To our community, we need your help;

We need to catch any persons vandalizing our Reserve!!!!

If Residents notice anything out of the ordinary please contact the police on 000

It is in our community interest that we all keep our Reserve safe for all to use!!

Please note:

Somebody or persons are filling up the Reserve bins with their own rubbish, the Reserve bins are provided for user groups and the community using the Reserve.

Contact our booking officer
Darlene Gunter 0418 312 762.

Get in quick as bookings are coming in fast.

For all L.B.Davern Reserve Bookings to either:

-Oval Bookings, Stadium bookings and enquiries -
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Recreation and Open Space unit ph. 5734 6200.

-Community Centre and Sports Pavilion contact:
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Booking Officer for the WHJSCC on 0418 312 762

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L.B.Davern Reserve Committee
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but don't *scream*
& *shout* instructions
from the sideline 
3. **Emphasise trying hard**
not winning 
4. **Cheer & acknowledge**
good plays by
all players 
5. **Accept decisions by officials**
they are human &
can make mistakes 
6. Let **coaches do the coaching** 
7. *Always remember,*
volunteers
run kids sport 
8. *Understand, uphold*
and *support* your club's
code of conduct 
9. Allow your child to
play for themselves
Let kids make the decisions
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Clonbinane Rural Fire Brigade



The Fire Season is approaching- Prepare Now

Our year-to-date rainfall has provided our paddocks with waterlogged ground, we can expect some substantial grass growth this season. The fire risk forecast is focusing on grass fires this year. With the wind behind them grassfires can move as fast as you can run with flame heights of several metres depending on the amount of fuel.

Now is the time to start your clean up. If you chose to build fire piles for burning off, then do this as early as possible. You will be surprised how quickly a bonfire will dry off the surrounding area and spread. Firstly, register your burn off by phoning **1800 668 511** or register online through the CFA website <https://firepermits.vic.gov.au/notify> Online registration can only be done for fires that will commence in more than two hours' time. You will receive a notification to confirm that your registration was successful.

Burn off registration is important to prevent unnecessary call outs of the fire brigade. People doing the correct action will phone 000 to report what they believe is a fire out of control. When emergency services receive the 000 call, they cross reference with their registrations and the information they have regarding the location and the size of the burn.

Registration of burn offs is mandatory; it is a requirement of local government bylaws.

CFA community bushfire engagement information sessions are held every year, get the whole family involved in an understanding of what happens on what we call bad days. Remember that the difference between a good summer and a bad summer maybe just one single day.

It is up to you to put your plans into place now by clearing up around your home, keeping grass levels low and having a definite family and farm fire plan.

Ensure that your property is accessible to CFA tankers; can the CFA tanker fit through your gate, can fire tankers turn around at the end of your driveway? Are there overhanging branches in your driveway?

Do we stay or do we leave early? This decision has to be made long time before there is a fire. Do you have the resources to save your family and home if a fire front moves across your property? Resources also include the ability to stay calm and to think and act in a logical safe manner. You will also need to be fit and be in good health. Your household needs to keep to the plan and agree on the safest outcome. Priority for planning is about SURVIVAL of your family and not saving assets. The safest way is to leave early, well before a fire is in the immediate locality. Include in your plan pets, horses and livestock. They cannot all fit in your car! Create or use a dedicated safer place on your property for horses and livestock. WHAT IS YOUR TRIGGER POINT TO LEAVE EARLY?

It is extremely dangerous to round up horses and to try placing them in a float to escape when the fire front is close to your property or neighbourhood. Do not compromise your own survival. Take notice of the fire predictions and weather forecasts. On bad days, check the CFA web page and the Vic Emergency phone apps often. Set up your watch zone on the app for a radius around where you live.

It is not only the people who live on rural properties that need to prepare for the fire season. Subdivisions such as Waterford Park are subject to ember attack in fires. Leaves and debris on the roof and gutters need removal now. Consider removing of branches that are within two metres of house or roof.

If you require any advice on fire prevention, especially if you are new to the area, then officers of the brigade will be happy to provide you with information and publications.

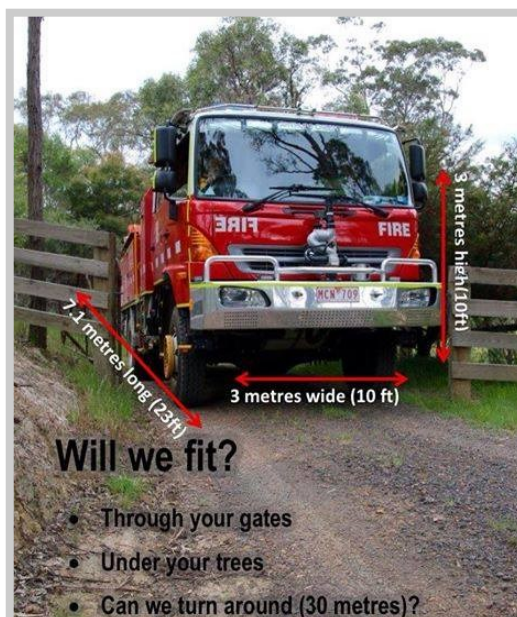
Please contact the brigade if you require any information or check out the CFA website www.cfa.vic.gov.au



Cheers and
drive safely

John Mahoney
- Captain

Have your horses and pets included in your fire safety plan



Carer Coaching Support

A growing body of evidence shows that a carers long term outcomes improve when able to access early intervention type services such as **coaching**, counselling & peer support. In this month's newsletter I will discuss coaching a little more.

Coaching for carers is often about taking time out to think about how they are going, how they'd like things to be and how they might take steps towards making that happen.

The Carer Gateway Coaching support is offered as:

1. Self-guided coaching – Interactive on-line coaching sessions are available for carers to complete at their own pace. Each session includes information, practical tips, resources, reflection activities and stories from Australian carers. To access this on-line support visit <https://coaching.carergateway.gov.au/>
2. Facilitated Coaching – a one-to-one service where carers engage with a coach in a series of one hour sessions.

Facilitated coaching is:

- a free coaching service for carers
- evidence based
- short-term support that boosts capacity and capability of carers
- aimed at assisting carers **to acquire (or increase) skills and resilience** within their caring role

Facilitated coaching can assist carers with:

- identifying their key needs
- increasing sense of empowerment
- learn, improve or implement strategies and skills to support their own wellbeing

Facilitated coaching is non-therapeutic. It is not designed as crisis intervention.

Coaching is generally chosen for those seeking practical changes & improvements in personal lives e.g. achieve financial security, increase fitness etc.

- ☆ *Facilitated Coaching provides time, space and support you require to work out what you want your future to look like and how to move towards it*
- ☆ *Your coach will support you in working out what it is that you want to change how you want your life to be and finding ways to achieve it*
- ☆ *Your coach can support you with practical changes & improvements you would like to make in your daily life*

For more information visit the Carer Gateway website www.carergateway.gov.au or call 1800 422 737

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Neighbourhood Watch

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South Mitchell

Bushfire Prevention

Fires can occur where the suburbs meet the bush, particularly if you have grass, bushland or parkland around your home. NOW is the time to get your house and property fire ready.

Fine fuels, such as thin branches, twigs and leaves, ignite quickly and burn easily. These can be carried by the wind and can end up long distances ahead of the fire. Heavy fuels such as branches, trees and logs, take longer to ignite but will burn for longer and they create an extremely hot fire. Our tips will help prepare your property:

- Clean out your gutters, roofs and downpipes to remove leaves and clear around the base of trees;
- Keep your lawns short (under 10cm long) and well-watered;
- Maintain your garden by removing weeds, pruning bushes and trees, especially under windows;
- Keep your garden beds moist using non-flammable ground covers like pebbles, sand or rocks. Decomposed mulch is safer than new mulch unless kept wetted down;
- Store flammable and combustible materials, such as wood piles and rubbish, away from your house; and
- Cut back branches within 10 metres of buildings.

Gas BBQ's

Spring is also a great time to light up your barbeque and enjoy it with your family. It can also end up as a disaster if you haven't prepared your gas barbeque and it bursts into flames.

When preparing for your barbeque, follow our hints to keep everyone safe:

- Check to see if the gas bottle is damaged. DON'T try to refill it, instead exchange it at a reputable supplier;
- Check the hose to make sure it hasn't deteriorated. Spray the hose and regulator connections with soapy water. If bubbles appear, you'll know that gas is escaping. If so, replace your hose.
- Check that the barbeque is CLEAN. Excess fat or residue can cause a fire.
- Keep plenty of clear space between your barbeque and anything inflammable;
- Keep a WATCH on your flame. If it goes out the unburnt gas levels can build up to dangerous levels. If this happens, turn off the gas at the cylinder. WAIT a few minutes before you reignite the barbeque again; and
- NEVER use a barbeque indoors.

IF A FIRE DOES START FROM A GAS LEAK, DON'T TRY TO EXTINGUISH THE FLAMES. TURN OFF THE GAS AT THE CYLINDER, BUT ONLY WHEN IT'S SAFE TO DO SO.

Smoke Detectors

Smoke detectors are required by law in all new properties. Older, existing properties are advised to have smoke detectors.

- You should have a working smoke detector for every bedroom and the living area;
- You should connect your smoke detectors to each other, so that when one sounds, they all sound.
- TEST them every month and replace the 9 volt battery and clean them EVERY YEAR; and
- REPLACE the smoke detector at least every 10 years.

In Victoria, it is the responsibility of a Landlord to properly fit and maintain smoke detectors in each residential property. These must comply with the Australian Standard A.S. 3786-1993.

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***FOR FIRST THREE MONTHS. CONDITIONS APPLY.
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Answers on
page 33

Place the numbers 1-9 only once in each row, column & 3x3 block

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THIS MONTHS QUIZ

Answer appears on Page 33 but no cheating!

1. How many oceans are there?
2. What Ocean is directly south of South Australia?
3. What is "cynophobia"?
4. What is the biggest technology company in South Korea?
5. What are the names of Cinderella's stepsisters?
6. Which two countries have not missed the modern-day Olympics?
7. Dump, floater, and wipe are terms used in which team sport?
8. Who is the patron saint of Ireland?
9. A group of ravens is known as?
10. What is the opposite of matter?
11. When did Melbourne host the Summer Olympics?
12. Which latitude line runs through Australia?
13. What is the capital of Canada?
14. Who was the Ancient Greek God of the Sun?

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Community Meals

Big Blokes Brunch is a great way to start each week at the Whittlesea Community Activity Centre on Tuesdays! Bring a mate the food is great:

Tuesdays 11.00am – 1.00pm \$2.00 per person

Ladies Lunch -join the ladies who lunch each fortnight at the Whittlesea Community Activity Centre and Thursdays October 13th & 27th 11.30am – 1.00pm \$2.00 per person

Crafternoons

Join us each week on Mondays and dabble in all sorts of crafts! Coming soon: Terracotta Painting.

Join anytime just let us know you are coming so we can have materials available.

Mondays each week during Term 1.00pm – 3.00pm \$2.00 per session

Death Café Event

Join this interesting discussion about funerals and rights of passage with the team from “Last Hurrah Funerals” learn the tricks and traps with funerals.

Thursday 3rd November 11.30am – 1.00pm FREE includes coffee and cake

Boat Licence – The weather is on the improve – time to hit the water!

Saturdays November 5th & 26th and December 10th 9.00am – 1.00pm

\$130 per person (students over 12 years are eligible). PWC Licence is included unless you are under 16 years

Food Handling

Saturday October 29th 9.00am – 1.00pm \$70

There is a **new round** of Power Saving Bonuses now available to **ALL VICTORIAN HOUSEHOLDS**.

You must have an electricity account with your name on it to apply and it is available on the basis of one per household. We are now offering assistance by appointment, call 9716 3361 to arrange a time. Please bring your ENTIRE most recent electricity account and your banking details (BSB and Account number) when you attend.

THANK YOU EVERYONE!

To all of you who have placed items into the food donation bin at Whittlesea IGA we would like to say a huge thank you! These items are packed up each week as emergency pantry parcels for folks that we meet each week. Your kindness is VERY much appreciated. A more comprehensive list of what is coming up at the House can be found on our website www.wchi.com.au or you can call to book any of the above on 9716 3361.

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QUIZ ANSWERS (from page 31)

1. Five (Pacific, Indian, Atlantic, Artic, Southern)
2. The Indian Ocean
3. Fear of dogs
4. Samsung
5. Anastasia and Drizella
6. Greece and Australia
7. Volleyball
8. St. Patrick
9. Unkindness
10. Antimatter
11. 1956
12. Tropic of Capricorn
13. Ottawa
14. Apollo



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**Weather Report -
September 2022
Wandong/Heathcote Junction**

The month began as August concluded – Cold, wet, and somewhat uncomfortable. However, as the days progressed, diurnal temperatures seemed to increase by a few degrees resulting in the last week of the month being sunny and warmer. Just what we regard as spring weather. Conditions were generally calm and without extremes with the hopes that October will continue in the same vein.

Rainfall was recorded on 19 days of the month and the total was consistent with previous months.

Our service dam, Sunday Creek is at 99% of capacity which can be regarded as full.

Stats

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| September 2022 | - | 84.5 mls |
| Previous year | - | 105.5 mls |
| Average prev 10 years | - | 63 mls |
| Total this year | - | 729 mls |
| Total prev year | - | 826 mls |

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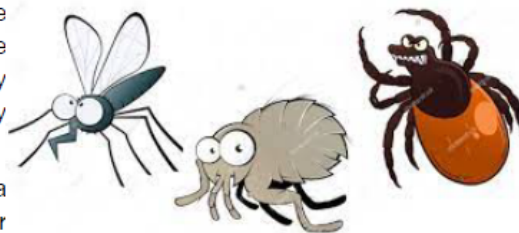
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Dealing with Parasites.....

By Anne Zelvys IACP-CDT

Choosing what is best for your Dog can certainly be a confusing issue.....!

We are bombarded with products that we are told are the best on the market... Magazines, TV adverts and even now thru social media we are encouraged, even pushed to buy these products for monthly "preventions" but are they really of any value....??? Could they even be harmful.....???



It seems that for the last 10 years or so common sense has taken a holiday - Just consider if you have a child in school and you hear there is lice going around... instead of waiting to see if your child has lice you decide to use treatments on your kid every few weeks...."just in case"... Sounds ludicrous doesn't it ! but it seems fine to bombard our dogs with **Flea Products** every month instead of just giving them a good wash and flea treatment **IF** there is an issue....

The same applies to **Gut Worming**... Now with horses and cattle we can have a simple poo sample assessed to see if and what worming is required... no worms no treatment needed.....

Over the last 20 years we have been pushed to use a worming treatment every month and this is now seen as the "Norm" ... previously we have only wormed dogs every change of season... and for 50 years this served us well... In this enlightened times, we should ask.... "Why there isn't there the opportunity to apply a poo sample assessment for our dogs... just like with horses"..?

We are also confronted with another demon, **Heartworm**, which first became talked about in the 80's. Initially we were told we must have a blood sample prior to using any treatment... otherwise there was a danger that the product could kill a dog who was already infected.... Then suddenly the product is available on the supermarket shelves.....!!!

Warning... Early in 2020 a Fact Sheet was published by the FDA (U.S. Food & Drug Administration).... An update was again published in April 2021. This is warning Pet Owners and Veterinarians about potential adverse events associated with Isoxazoline Flea and Tick Products.

Even though we have these products are now in question, many are still available in Australia and are sold thru veterinary clinics and pet stores. Products under question: *Bravecto, Bravecto Plus, Nexgard, Nexgard Spectra, Simpatico, Simpatico Trio, Interceptor, Revolution and Revolution plus* and perhaps some others.

As many of these products can be problematic for dogs (particularly those who are MDR1 sensitive) it becomes difficult to know what is safe to use on your dog Personally, I decided it would be easier to learn more about how heart-worm is transmitted. So consider this....

Firstly it appears that one dog cannot infect another dog... instead the spread is via a mozzie... So a mozzie bites an infected dog and then actually has to extract the microfilariae from the blood. This has to then live in the mozzie for a week or more to develop into the heart worm larvae and then this mozzie has to bite another dog where the larvae can develop further.... Oh! I forgot to say that it is only spread by the FEMALE mozzie... AND... if the temperature falls below 14 degrees for a couple of days then the mozzie dies... Hence if you live in Florida or perhaps Northern Qld, then this might be an issue.... As I live in central Victoria I have not seen the need to use any heart worm treatments.... At least NOT during the last 40 years.....

As guardians to our dogs health we must consider how chemicals can affect our dogs...

We should learn effective and responsible ways to treat dogs for fleas and worms.... After all do we really need to use chemical for 'preventative' ? ... or is it more about the profit these products make ? ... After all Companies don't want us to limit the use of their products... imagine the loss in their sales if we just changed our worming program to 3 times a year instead of every month !!!!

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Maintenance issues at Wandong Heathcote Junction

In August the Wandong Heathcote Junction Community Group wrote to Mitchell Shire Council asking for 20 maintenance issues in Wandong Heathcote Junction be rectified. The WHJCG was satisfied with most of the responses but issues such as those below were taken up again in a letter in September.

In April 2018 Mitchell Shire officers committed to three monthly meetings with members of the WHJCG. This has never happened.

MSC advised that the mesh fence on Rail Street is maintained by Vic Railways. This is incorrect. The fence was handed to Mitchell Shire to maintain several years ago. However if MSC believes it can have VicTrack repair the fence and have requested it to do so, please advise when the work will be completed.

The WHJCG withdrew an offer to pay half the cost of a sculpture to replace the decayed wooden sculpture. This was due to the red tape, lack of assistance and rejection by MSC. What is MSC doing to replace decayed sculpture?

We thanked MSC for replacing five rubbish bins with the modern larger bins but ask for a sixth bin to be included in the project. This bin is situated at the toilets in the Wandong Bushfire Memorial Park car park and is pictured attached. It regularly overflows with rubbish, often attacked by birds and is very unattractive in this prominent tourist / visitor stop.

The drain in Rail Street around the corner from Affleck Street has not been cleared or the problem rectified by MSC as claimed. It is only cleared by the WHJCG to stop water crossing Rail Street when the drain is blocked. The attached is photos taken on 24th September 2022 showing the blocked grate and after mud removal by the WHJCG.

It should be acknowledged that it was the Wandong Heathcote Junction community that paid \$100 for each pin oak tree that today provides the avenue along the Epping Kilmore Road at Wandong. We take great pride in their growth and beauty and to not be consulted on pruning is very disappointing. "Professional arborists" would never cause such destruction of these trees and nothing was done about "height clearance requirements" as claimed. The removal of the lower branches has ruined the total display these trees provided and has opened up areas such as the railway car park to view from the Epping Kilmore Road.



LEFT TOP:

Under this mud is the grate for the drain in Rail Street around the corner from Affleck Street. Water cannot access the drain so has to cross Rail Street at road level. The only time that the mud is removed from the grate is when the WHJCG removes it.



LEFT BOTTOM

The mud removed again by the WHJCG.





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